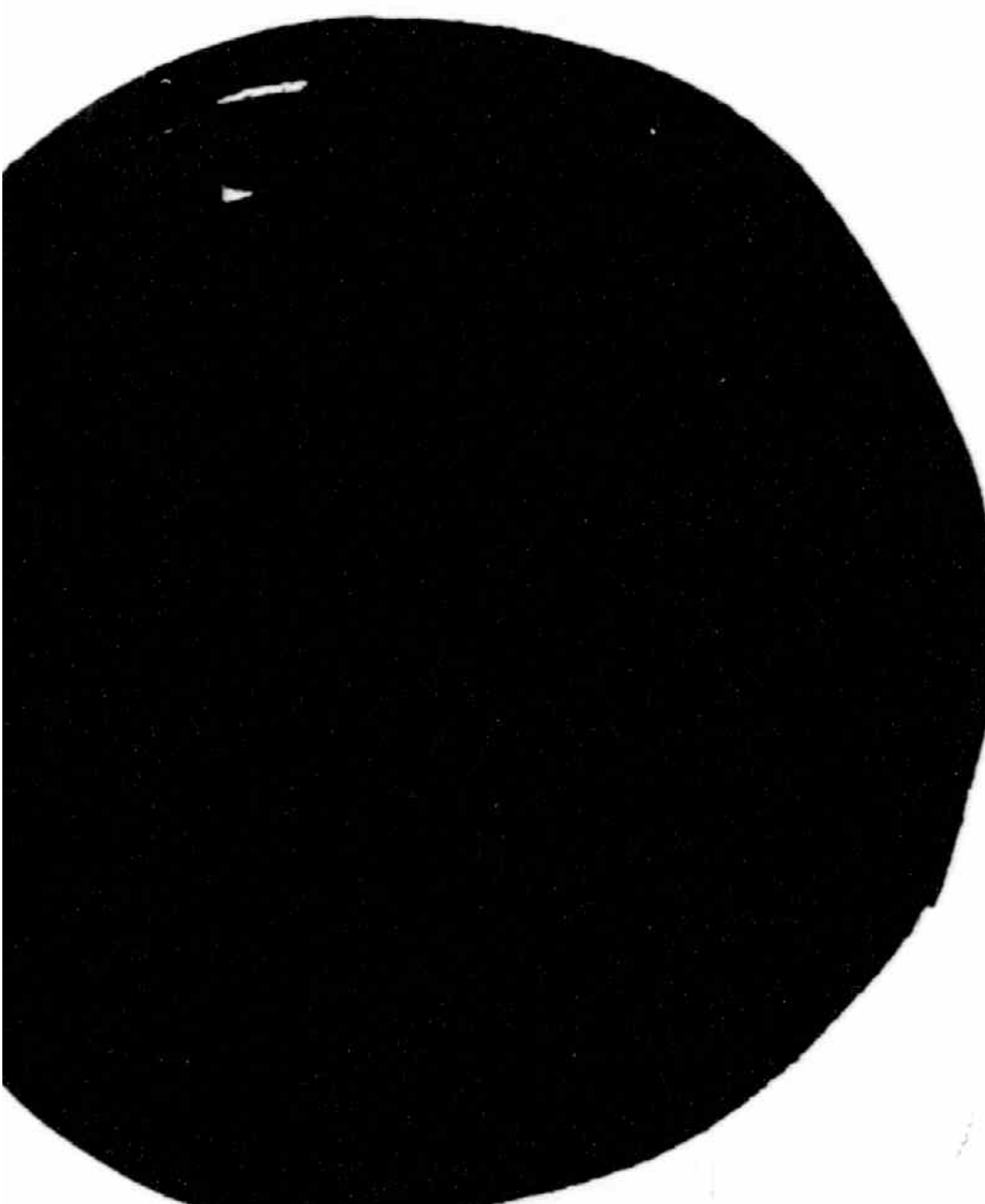




ORDER PROMULGATING ORDINANCES Nos. 12 & 13 OF 1924



Herbert Samuel

GOVERNMENT OF PALESTINE.

PROMULGATION OF ORDINANCES.

PALESTINE.

ORDER.

(Gazetted April 15th. 1924).

1. The Palestine Jewish Colonisation Association (Edmond de Rothschild Foundation) Ordinance, No. 12 of 1924, is hereby promulgated in the form in which the draft was published in the Gazette of March 15th. 1924, and shall be in force as from the date of publication of this Order.

2. The Law of Evidence Amendment Ordinance, No. 13 of 1924, is hereby promulgated in the form in which the draft was published in the Gazette of January 15th. 1924, subject to the following amendments; and shall be in force as from the date of publication of this Order.

At the end of Section 2, the following paragraph shall be added: —

“And that a parent shall not be competent to give evidence against a child, nor compellable to give evidence against any person jointly accused with the child in the same information; nor a child competent to give evidence against a parent, nor compellable to give evidence against any person jointly accused with the parent in the same information”.

Section 3 shall read: —

“If a husband shall be called to give evidence in defence of his wife or a wife shall be called to give evidence in defence of her husband, or if a parent or child is called to give evidence in defence of the other, the evidence so given, whether in examination-in-chief or obtained by cross-examination on behalf of the Prosecution, may be used in proof of the guilt of the accused person whether husband or wife or parent or child”.

Section 4 shall read:

“In criminal proceedings against a husband or wife for any bodily injury or violence inflicted upon his or her wife or husband or child, and in proceedings in respect of adultery, the wife is competent to give evidence against her husband and the husband against his wife.

In criminal proceedings against a parent or child for any bodily injury or violence inflicted upon his or her child or parent, as the case may be, the parent is competent to give evidence against the child and the child against the parent”.

Section 10 shall read:

“Contradictions in the evidence of witnesses shall not in themselves prevent the Court from finding facts in respect of which the contradictions occur”.

HERBERT SAMUEL
High Commissioner.

April 7th. 1924.